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In re Application of

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For: LIQUID CRYSTALLINE THERMOSETS FROM ESTER, ESTER-IMIDE, AND  
ESTER-AMID OLIGOMERS

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Prior to examination of the above identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Subject to the Examiner's approval, please amend drawing FIGS. 3 and 4 as shown in red on the attached photocopy.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 22, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

*A1*  
---Bilow et al teach, in U.S Pat. No. 3,864,309, polyimide oligomers end-capped with terminal acetylene or cyano groups. Bilow et al's use of the term "oligomer" is inconsistent with our present use of the term "oligomer." Bilow et al teach low molecular weight *pure*